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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/452,843; Filed: May 30, 1995
For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2060.0010002/EKS/HCC/M-M

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply To Election of Species Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply To Election of Species Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **June 2, 2003**, requesting several elections of species to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species listed below. The species elections are made without traverse.

Insofar as the Examiner requires an election of species wherein the peptide is endogenously processed from a poly or oligo peptide, Applicants hereby provisionally elect:

A) an oligopeptide less than 15 amino acid residues in length comprising the peptide, represented by claim 181.

Insofar as the Examiner requires an election of species wherein the evaluating step is for the ability to induce an HLA-B7 restricted CTL response, Applicants hereby provisionally elect: B) in vitro, represented by claim 192.

Insofar as the Examiner requires an election of species of method, Applicants hereby provisionally elect: C) administering a vaccine, represented by claim 198.

Applicants also reaffirm the previous election as modified in the Office Action dated October 25, 2000, of peptide APAPAPSWPL (SEQ ID NO:14), represented by claim 203.

Claims 176, 177, 180, 191, 195, 199, 200, and 201 are generic to one or more elected species.

The above-listed elections of species are made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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